

PATENT APPLICATION**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2874**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuhiro ASADA

Group Art Unit: 2874

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For: OPTICAL FIBER GUIDE DEVICE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PROPOSED

In reply to the March 21, 2003 Final Office Action, and further to the April [Date], 2003 personal interview between Applicant's representative and Examiner Wood, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber guide device comprising:

a guide body to guide and hold an optical fiber cord received and arranged therein ~~and along a tubular axis that is bent in an arc having a bending direction radius of curvature within a bending plane~~, said guide body including a guide receiving part formed in a shape of a trough having an opening in a substantially U-shape cross-section ~~of the tubular axis, the opening oriented to face substantially perpendicular to said bending direction plane~~, said trough able to receive and arrange said optical fiber cord through said opening; and